

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS AND LOGS FOR FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY BAITFISH PERMITS

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) baitfish permits allow the permit holder to catch baitfish within the Sanctuary Preservation Areas (SPAs) using a cast net or modified lampara net.

Permits are issued free of charge and last for one calendar year. Baitfish permits are issued to an individual and may be used on more than one vessel, but may not be used by more than one person. Persons requesting a permit should submit their name, mailing address, and telephone number to the contact person listed below. Boat name(s) and/or documentation number(s) should also be submitted, when known. This information may be submitted by telephone by calling the individual listed below or in writing by fax, email, courier, or regular mail.

All baitfish permit holders are required to maintain a catch log (attached) and submit this log upon expiration of their permit. An electronic version of the Baitfish Permit Log is available on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary web site at http://www.fknms.nos.noaa.gov/research_monitoring/permits.html or by contacting the individual listed below. This log should be printed, filled out, and mailed to the person listed below within 30 days before the permit expires. Please use the following codes for the SPA name on the form:

| SPA NAME | CODE |
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| Carysfort/South Carysfort | CAR |
| The Elbow | ELB |
| Dry Rocks | KYL |
| Grecian Rocks | GDR |
| French Reef | FRE |
| Molasses Reef | MOL |
| Conch Reef | CON |
| Hen and Chickens | HNC |
| Davis Reef | DAV |
| Cheeca Rocks | CHE |
| Alligator Reef | ALL |
| Coffins Patch | COF |
| Sombrero Key | SOM |
| Newfound Harbor Key | NHK |
| Looe Key | LKS |
| Eastern Dry Rocks | EDR |
| Rock Key | RKK |
| Sand Key | SAN |

The information requested is used to evaluate the appropriateness of allowing unlimited baitfish permits in FKNMS SPAs. The information is necessary for the effective management of the FKNMS resources. Submittal of the information requested in these guidelines is required to obtain a permit pursuant to National Marine Sanctuary Regulations (15 CFR part 922). Applicants are requested to indicate any information that is considered proprietary business information. Such information is typically exempt from disclosure to anyone requesting information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). NOAA will make all possible attempts to protect such proprietary information, consistent with all applicable FOIA exemptions in 5 U.S.C. 552(b). Typically exempt information includes trade secrets, commercial and financial information (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)). Personal information affecting an individual's privacy will also be kept confidential consistent with 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to fifteen (15) minutes per response (application and log), including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the individual listed below.

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For further information on FKNMS baitfish permits or to obtain a log please write or call:

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FKNMS Baitfish Log

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